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Part B. for July 1910

SUBJECT.

Demise of H. M. King Edward VII, Emperor of India

25. From the J.A. Resident. Do. No. 3247 of 30.5.10.
Requests to be furnished with a brief Record of what was done in the matter of Celebrating the late King's funeral with solemn Observances in the various places of the State.

27. To the Deputy Commrs of Sts. G. 6686-93 of 6.6.10
Requests to be furnished with a brief record of what was done in the matter of Celebrating the late King's funeral day with solemn observances at the several places in their Sts &c

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30. From the Offg: D.C. Kadur No. 476 dt 9.6.10.
Reports on the matter of Celebrating the late King Emperor's funeral day on the 20th May 1910 in his st.

34. From the D.C. Bangalore No. 6446 dt 25 6/10
36. " " " Mysore - 506 - 30 6/10
38 " " " Tumkur Do. 11 6/10
39 " " " Kolar - 18 6/10
40 " " " Shimoga Cu5 27 6/10
43 " " " Chitaldrug Do 4 7/10
47 " " " Hassan Do 9 7/10

Submit the report called for in serial 27 above

53 To the T.A. Resident. Do No. 1102 dt 23 7/10
With reference to serial 25, forwards for information a memorandum on the subject referred to therein

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File. No. 273-09

FILE HEADING.

Demise of His most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII, Emperor of India.

From The F. A. Resident in Mysore

D. O No. 3247 Dated 30-5-10 Received 1-6-10.

Diary No. 4848	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 25

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

States that the Resident would be obliged if the Durbar could furnish him with a brief record of what was done in the matter of celebrating the late King's funeral with solemn observances in the several parts of the State.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Dewan's remarks.

"Secretary.

Call for Reports from Deputy Commissioners."

(Intd.) T. A. R

31 May 1910

NOTES—First sheet.

GPR—30,000—20-3-06.

Serial No.	
2	"Please write D.O. for a report." (Intd). C.S.B 1-6-10.
3	Submitted with a draft D.O. VS 2-6-10. (Sterling). 3/6/10
4	Issue 4/6/10 5/6/10
27	Letter No G. 6686-93 of 09 dated 6.6.10 to the Dy. Commrs of Dstts Requests them to furnish this office with a brief record of what was done in re the celebration of the late King's Funeral day at several places in their several districts, together with a memorandum of any public meeting held to express regret, if any.
30	Letter No. 476 dated 9.6.10 from the D.C. Kadur Distt
34	Letter No. S.644 of 25 6/10 from the D.C. Bangalore Distt
36	No 906 of 30.6.10 from the D.C. Mysore Distt

Submits reports regarding the observance of the late King's Funeral Day in their Distts

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GPB—55,000—27.4.09

Secretariat. | G. M. File No. 27 3 of 1909

Serial No.

38 Letter dated 11th June 1910 from the D.C. Tumkur Distt.

39 Letter dated 18.6.10 from the D.C. Kolar Distt.

40 Letter No. C 5 dated 27.6.10 from the D.C. Shimoga

43 D.O. No. 1 dated 4.7.10 from the D.C. Chitaldrug

47 D.O. dated 9.7.10 from the D.C. Hassan Distt.

Submit reports regarding the observance of the late King's funeral day at the several places in their Distts.

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5) All the reports have been received. Subd. for Order.

M 16.7.10. VS.

6) Mr. T.S. Rama Iyer will please collate the information contained in the several reports, in the shape of a Memorandum, which may be sent to the Residency with a D.O. Letter in reply to their ref^ce.

7) Early please. M 16.7.10

8) Memorandum submitted with draft D.O.

JRR 19.7.10.

9) Please put up fair draft.

M 19.7.10

Dewan

CBS 22/7/10

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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(6)	Fair draft sent for Secretary's signature 22/7/10 VS Secretary) 22.7.10 Dewan) (Initialled) C&B. (vide previous page) 22.7.10.
7006 23.7.10 (7)	The draft D.O. approved by the Dewan has been issued from the Dewan's office and the draft placed on file. C&B 24/7/10.
(8)	C&B 25/7/10
(9) WM	To the Resident, No. D.O. 1102 dt/ 23.7.10 — With reference to Pl. 25 forward for information a memorandum on the subject referred to therein.

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D. O. No. F/1003

THE RESIDENT MYSORE

BANGALORE.

No 3247

30th May 1910.

G. M. F. 273-09-25

My dear Ri,

The Resident is aware from paragraphs in newspapers that the day of the King's funeral was celebrated with-- solemn observances at many places throughout the State, and he would be obliged if the Durbar could kindly furnish me with a brief record of what was done.

Perhaps also a memorandum of the public meeting held to express regret might be added.

Yours sincerely,

W. G. Grey Major,

First Asstt. Resident.

T. Ananda Rao, Esq., B.A.,

Dewan of Mysore.

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Diary No. of letter replied to 4446

No G 6686-93

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Date of issue 6. 6. 10

Signed by Mr. H. Rama Iyer

To The Dy Commrs of Districts.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to request you to be so good as to furnish me with a brief record of what was done in the matter of celebrating the late King's funeral day with Solemn observances at the several places in your District.

Perhaps also a memorandum of

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SUBJECT.

the public meeting, if any held to express regret might be added.

Yours sincerely

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List of enclosures

Copied by B. Lakshmanarao 6/6/20

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From The Offg. Deputy Commissioner,

Kadur District.

To The Offg. Secretary to Govt,

G. & R. Departments.

Dated 9th

Despatched 9th " June 1910.

Received

General No. 476

No.

Enclosure No.

Reporting on the matter of celebrating the late King Emperor's funeral day on the 20th of May 1910 in the Kadur District.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,

Kadur District,

Dated, Chikmagalur, the 9th June 1910.

From

K.Srinivasa Rao, Esquire,

Offg: Deputy Commissioner,

Kadur District.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,

Offg: Secretary to the Government of Mysore,

General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

In reply to your D.O. letter No. G.6886-92/G.M.273-09-27 dated 6th June 1910, requesting to report what had been done in the matter of celebrating with due solemnity the late King-Emperor's funeral day, I have the honor to state that the 20th of May 1910 was observed as a close holiday. The townspeople of Chikmagalur en mass spontaneously put off all gala engagements previously fixed for that day and observed it as a day of mourning. Shops and other places of business remained closed throughout the day, as also all public offices, schools and other Institutions. Pujas were offered in the important Muzrai Institutions of Sri Gopala Krishnaswami at Basavannalli, Sri Ramadevaru at Hiremagalur and the Sri Guru Dattatraya pita in the Bababudan Hills; and prayers were offered therein for the departed soul of the late King-Emperor in words appropriate for the occasion as enjoined in Government order No.2760/M.E.659-09-2 dated 17th May 1910.

In the evening the Rev. J.Redmond of the Wesleyan Mission a memorial service preached an impressive sermon in appreciation of the late Emperor's life, both as a private gentleman and as King, when myself and other District Officers in the Station were present as also the European Coffee Planters and the Volunteer Corps in their uniform. Special

reference was made in the sermon to what the late Emperor had done to put down strife and war among the nations of Europe and further the cause of peace, progress and prosperity, and also to what he had done to forward the progress of the Indian nation and his regard and love to them .

Reports have been called for from the several Taluks of the District of the manner in which the solemn observances were celebrated that day, in receipt of which they will be forwarded.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K Srinivasa Rao

Offg: Deputy Commissioner,

Kadur District.

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From

B.J.Kumaraswami Naik, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer,Esq.,B.A.,

Offg: Secretary to the Govt.of
H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl & Rev.Depts.(Camp)
Mysore.

Dated 28-6-10
Despatched 28-6-10
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General No.
G. No. 644

Enclosure No. Nil

Submits a brief record of what was done in the matter of celebrating the late King Emperor's funeral day with solemn observances at the several -- places in the District.

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,

Bangalore District.

Dated(Camp)Mysore, 25th June 1910.

G. No. 649

From

B.J.Kumaraswami Naik, Esq., B.A.,

Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Offg: Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments, (Camp)Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to your D.O.No.G.6686-93/G.M.73-09-27 dated the 6th June 1910, calling for a brief record of what was done in the matter of celebrating the late King Emperor's funeral day with solemn observances at the several places in the District, I have the honor to report that on Friday the 20th May 1910 -- which was the day fixed for the funeral of His late Most -- Gracious Majesty King Edward VII King of Great Britain and Irland and Emperor of India was observed as day of general mourning. All the offices, Courts, Schools and other public Institutions in the District were closed. The merchants of BangaloreCity closed all their shops and the public business was suspended on that day as far as possible.

Special services were performed and prayers offered on that day in all the Muzrai institutions and other places of public worship in the District, for the salvation of the soul of the late King Emperor.

At Bangalore which is the Head Quarters of the District a sum of Rs.100/- which was alloted for the purpose of Bhoori was distributed among 600 poor of the marginally noted public Institutions and orphanages of the City.

Epidemic desease Hospital.
Lunatic and Leper Asylums.
St.Thomas Hospital.
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The London and the Wesleyan Mission orphanages.
The Sreenivasa Mandiram orphanage.
The Mahomedan orphanage.

4. The City Municipal Council recorded in a resolution a vote of condolence expressing their heart-felt sorrow for the demise of the King Emperor. So also, the District Board which met on the 7th May having received the sad news while the proceedings of the meeting were being conducted suspended the business as a mark of respect to the King Emperor and adjourned the meeting to a subsequent date. The citizens of Bangalore also met in ~~the~~ Doddanna's Hall and expressed in a resolution their sense of deep sorrow at the sad event which befel the whole Empire.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner.

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From
C. Kantaraj Urs Esq B.A.
Dep. Commissioner
Mysore District

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To
C. Balasundaramiah Esq B.A.
Offg Secy to the Govt of Mysore
General & Revenue Depts

Dated 30th June 1910

Despatched 1st July

Received

General No. 906
No.

Enclosure No. /

Submitting report on the observance of the funeral day of His late most gracious majesty

No. 906
Enc. No. 1

OFFICE OF THE Deputy Commissioner

MYSORE DISTRICT,

Dated ~~Camp~~ Mysore 30th June 1910.

To

C. S. Balasundram Jr. Esq., B. A.

Offg. SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

Sir,

With reference to your D.O. No: G 6686-93/G.T. 273-09-27 of the 6th June 1910 requesting to be furnished with a brief record of what was done in the matter of celebrating His Majesty the late King Emperor's funeral day with Solemn observances in this District etc, I have the honor to State that as per Government Notification No. 2760/Mun 659-09-2 dated the 17th may last Special Services were offered in all the Muzrai Institutions (Temples and mosques). I was present at Nanjangud on the day in question and attended with all the Government Officers the Special Services held in this connection in the Temple.

The reports received from the Amildars show that all business at Taluk Head Quarters

Quarters was suspended on the day in question and everything was solemnly observed, but that no separate meetings were held in any of the Taluks.

The Amildar of Hunsur Taluk however reports that the Municipal Councillors have recorded a sad note of the death of the late king Emperor Edward VII in their proceedings Book.

Small money doles were distributed to about 2000 poor persons of all classes at the rate of one anna and half anna for adults and children respectively on the 20th May 1910 in the Mysore City as per orders contained in Government Notification no: G. 5963 of the 16th May 1910.

Special Services and prayers were offered on the day in question for the Salvation of the Soul of the late king Emperor in all the Mysore institutions of the City. All offices, Courts, Schools and other public institutions together with all the

Private

Shops in the City were closed on that day. All Subjects of the State residing in the City suspended their business as far as possible on that day.

A Copy of the proceedings of the meeting held by the citizens of Mysore for sending a condolating message to Her most Gracious majesty Queen Alexandra and to their most Gracious majesties King George V and Queen Mary is herewith submitted for information.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District.

THE CITIZENS' MEETING.

The proceedings of the meeting of the citizens of Mysore held at 6 P. M., on the 11th inst. in the Rangacharlu Memorial Hall Mysore. There were several thousands of officers, officials, lawyers, schoolmasters and other leading citizens present. Mr. M. Kantharaja Urs, the President of the Municipality was in the chair. He opened the proceedings with the following speech:—

We have met here this evening to give expression to our feelings of profound sorrow, caused by the demise of His Most Gracious Majesty King-Edward VII, Emperor of India. The suddenness of this very sad event has rendered our grief all the more unbearable. It is not in any one particular part of the country or by any particular section of the community that this irreparable loss is being felt as a great calamity. It is world-wide. There is no caste, creed or colour that is not participating in this universal grief. Is it any wonder that it is really so? No. Who does not know King Edward —the Peace-maker—as the worthy son of that Great Queen, Victoria the Good? Are we not aware of the most beneficial effects of his splendid though short reign? Should we not naturally mourn the sudden disappearance from our midst of a potent factor that was responsible for the peace, progress and plenty that we have been enjoying for nearly the past decade?

Kings have been and will ever be. But it is almost phenomenal to have as our ruler one of the type of the late King-Emperor.

So far as we the subjects of the Mysore State are concerned, we must always remember the unique relationship which our Raj bears to the British Raj. How we owe an everlasting debt of gratitude to the British nation is a mere matter of history. This is neither the place nor the time to expatiate upon that subject. We yield to none in our unflinching loyalty to the British Throne and our deep attachment to the august person of the sovereign. Is it then anything strange that we too participate in the joys and sorrows that affect the great nation under whose beneficent protection and guidance we live, move and have our being? I am more than inclined to regard King Edward VII of blessed memory, as an Avatara Purusha or an Incarnation of Vishnu, the Preserver of the Hindu Trinity.

He had been sent, as it were, to this world to fulfill a particular mission viz., that of blessed peace and good-will.

Like Lord Srikrishna who undertook the very difficult task of effecting a "Sandhi" or compromise between the mighty Pandvas and Kouravas of the Puranic fame, the chief aim and object in life of His late lamented Majesty was to bring about peace and persevere to maintain it among the great Rulers of the world. Could he have had a nobler ideal set before him? The far-reaching consequence of such an anomalous policy are seen and felt by us wherever we go. Progress and prosperity are sure to follow in the wake of well-established peace, and this is just what we see wherever the redoubtable *Union Jack* flies.

May the All-powerful, in his mercy vouchsafe to the noble soul of this illustrious personage, whose untimely demise we have assembled here to mourn, that Peace which, while in life, he strove unceasingly to secure in the interests of humanity!

Mr. Venkatakrishnayya spoke as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Gntlemen,—

We have met here this evening with very heavy hearts under very unhappy circumstauces His most Gracious Majesty Edward VII the King Emperor of India is no more. It was on the 4th instant that His Majesty caught cold. This developed into Bronchitis and His Majesty breathed his last at 11-45 p. m., on the 6th instant. The greatest calamity has befallen us. It is a calamity not only to the British Empire but to the world. His Majesty was a great Peace-maker. But for His Majesty's great services in this capacity, there would have been several wars and the credit of having saved much bloodshed in Europe, belongs to His Majesty. His Majesty loved India and Mysore our country specially. It is this that makes us feel this great calamity most keenly. Our Chairman said that His Majesty was the worthy son of a noble mother. Our Chairman is quite right in this statement. It is neither possible nor opportune to enumerate the numberless social, moral, political and humanitarian virtues that animated our departed Emperor and His Majesty's noble mother. I think it, however, necessary to mention one incident in the life of each, an incident which is an unmistakable reflection of all great incidents in their lives. Her Majesty, Victoria the Good, was once shot by an anarchist. By the dispensation of God his aim missed. He was tried, found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. When sentence went to Her Majesty for confirmation, Her Majesty graciously exercised Her prerogative of mercy and pardoned him, returning good for evil. This shows the nobility of the divine mother A similar incident occurred during the reign of His Majesty Edward VII with a similar exercise of the spirit of humanity, proving that His Majesty was the worthy son of a noble mother. This humanatarian spirit of His Majesty adds keenness to our sorrow. We cannot help it. We must endure it. When the depth of sorrow is so insufferable to us, how much more should it be to those who have been nearer to His Majesty? It is simply fearful even to imagine. Our new Emperor, George the V, is the worthy son of a worthy father. After promising to promote the best interests of the people, to uphold the constitution of the kingdom and follow in the footsteps of his illustrious sire, His Majesty prayed to the Almighty God for strength and guidance in doing his Imperial duties. This prayer shows how worthily our Emperor has resolved to subordinate every thing to the just performance of his duty. Let us pray to God to give His Majesty the strength and guidance prayed for. I support the expression of our heartfelt sympathy in the sad bereavement of Their Majesties the Dowager Queen-Empress, and the King Emperor and the Royal Family.

Mr. Amble Annaiah Pandit said:—His Majesty Edward VII is no more. A greater misfortune can never befall us. Her Majesty Victoria, the good, was the patron-saint of India. Her Majesty raised us by her immortal Proclamation to a footing of equality with her British born subjects and made arrangements to educate and qualify us for the privileges of the citizenship of the British Empire. This *magna charta* of ours was confirmed by His Majesty Edward VII our King Emperor. His Majesty not only conferred on us our great charter but also carried it out. We have lost him. We are very unfortunate. May God bless his soul and give to His Majesty our King-Emperor, strength and guidance to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious father. I support the submission of our heartfelt sympathy to Their Majesties the Dowager Queen-Empress and the King Emperor and the Royal family in their sad bereavement.

SPEECH OF MR. DARWESH PEER.

Gentlemen,—We have met here to express our deep sorrow, and profound grief for the irreparable loss that India has sustained, by the unexpected demise of His Gracious Majesty King Edward VII, the Emperor of India. India in its long cycles has had no such Emperor, such tender-hearted, broad-minded, just, wise, and loving-parent of his subjects, a parent unanimated by the distinctions of caste, creed, and colour, Lord Morley, in his despatch to Lord Minto, has admitted, and is justified in admitting that nowhere in the wide orb of the British Empire, is there more genuine sorrow and profound sense of grief felt than in India to-day. Truly we are a nation in mourning. Not merely a great Emperor is dead, but a bright and beautiful ray has been extinguished, by which gloom is cast over India, It would be easy to say much about the great mark that his marvellous reign has left upon the history of India ; and to indicate in many points the sagacious hand, and influence of the deceased Emperor, but the overwhelming sorrow unfits me for the work. However, as an example, I may say, that India was not fortunate to send her sons as members on the Privy Council, and on the Council of the Secretary of State for India, at any time, execept in the marvellous reign of him for whom we now mourn. Unfortunate India never saw her sons on the Executive Council of the Viceroy and Governors, before the distinguished rule of the deceased Emperor. Recently, when H. G. M. the deceased Emperor gave an interview to the Rt: Hon, Mr. Ameer Ali, His Majesty was pleased to express many gracious views to promote the condition of Indians, but owing to our misfortune our beloved Emperor passed away. Then gaze upon the parting sail that sinks, with all we love, below the verge. I pay a humble tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased Emperer.

Mr. M. C. Rangiengar said :—You have now heard of the irreparable loss we have sustained. You have heard what the previous speakers have said. They have realised the magnitude of the loss the world and the Empire have suffered, As observed by them the seeds of impartial treatment of the subjects of the Empire without reference to caste, colour or creed were sown by Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria and they began to bear fruit during the reign of His Majesty Edward VII. We looked upon the recent reforms as the beginning of great blessings to India and it is really our misfortune that we have lost the greatest benefactor that India ever had. The grief is too great to be borne by us. What cannot be helped must be endured, with a spirit of resignation. Though we have lost His Majesty Edward VII, he still lives among us. His noble qualities, his splendid achievements, his untiring service for the best interests of the people, his implicit submission to the constitution of the Kingdom, his fearless performance of his imperial duty and his solicitude to please his conscience and his God are not dead. They are among us. His Majesty George V the inheritor of these noble traditions is among us. All these are some compensation for the irreparable loss we have sustained. The grief that afflicts us is in sufferable. We may imagine to ourselves how insufferable it is to Their Majesties the Dowager Queen-Empress and to the King-Emperor and the Royal Family. I propose that a message of our heartfelt condolence be submitted to Their Majesties and the Royal Family in the following terms :—

To

SRI KRISHNARAJ WODEYAR BAHADUR, G. C. S. I.,

H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,

OOTY.

The citizens of Mysore, in public meeting assembled, humbly express their deep and heartfelt sorrow at the demise of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII, Emperor of India. They respectfully pray Your Highness to kindly communicate their sincere and loyal condolence to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra, and to Their Most Gracious Majesties King George V and Queen Mary.

This was carried *nem-con* and the President was requested to wire the message to His Majesty the King-Emperor through His Highness the Maharaja.

V. V. PRESS, MYSORE.

Deputy Commissioner's Office,
Tumkur District,
11th June 1910.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your D.O. No.G.6686-93/G.M.273-09-27 of the 6th instant, I have to state that on receipt of the Gazette Extraordinary anouncing the date fixed for the funaral of the late King Edward VII, orders were issued to all the Amildars, Deputy Amildars and the Vice President of the Tumkur Town Municipality directing them to give wide publicity to the order by beat of Tom, Tom, to invite people to suspend business on this mornful occasion and to make special arrangements for offerying prayers in all Muzrai Institutions.

From the reports received it is seen that the 20th of May was observed as a day of general mourning, that business was suspended everywhere and that in all Muzrai institutions special services were performed and prayers in the form prescribed in Government Notification No.2760/Muz.F.659-09-2 of 17th May 1910, offered.

In Tumkur a meeting was convened in the Government Anglo Vernacular School building by the Dharmabodhini Sabha when its members and other Towns-people were present. From this Sabha and other bodies in the Town such as Mohamadans, Christians &c, telegrams expressing their deep sorrow, were sent in due course soon after the receipt of the sad intelligence of the calamity that had be-fallen the Empire. The Tumkur Municipal Council in their meeting held on the 12th May 1910 recorded a resolution expressing their sorrow at the demise of His Gracious Majesty King Edward VII and forwarded a copy of the resolution for submission to His Highness the Maharaja.

Yours Sincerely
N Madhavarao
for Deputy Commissioner

Camp Mysore,

18th June 1910.

Dear Balasundaram Esq

With reference to your office letter No. G.6686-93/G.M.273-09-27 dated the 6th instant, I beg to forward herewith a Memorandum of what was done in the matter of celebrating the late King - Emperor's funeral day in the Kolar District.

Yours Sincerely

M. Kantaraniya

Deputy Commissioner's Office,

Kolar District,

Dated Camp Mysore, 18th June 1910.

M E M O R A N D U M.

Friday, the 20th of May 1910 - the day of the funeral of the late King - Emperor, His Most Gracious Majesty Edward VII was observed as one of general mourning throughout the District.

2. All public offices, courts, schools and other institutions were closed everywhere.

3. At Kolar and in the interior of the Taluk, the merchants had closed all shops, and all kinds of public business and entertainments were suspended for the day. Special prayers and worship were conducted in all the temples, mosques, churches and other public places of worship, both Muzrai and private, for the salvation of the soul of the beloved King - Emperor, all the people joining in their respective places of worship and expressing their sense of the deep calamity that had befallen the Empire.

4. Similar services and demonstrations were held in the Malur Taluk, both at head quarters and the moffussil.

5. In Bowringpet Taluk, in addition to such observances, there was a parade held of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Volunteers stationed at Bowringpet Town. The local Theosophical Society distributed alms to about a hundred poor and also fed some hundreds of persons.

6. In Kolar Gold Fields, the day opened with a prevailing air of gloom noticeable everywhere. Flags were flying half mast from all shaft heads on the Fields. At 7 A.M. Mass was said at the Roman Catholic Church at Champion Reefs, which was attended by a large congregation. At 5 P.M. a solemn memorial service was held at the English Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

The Kolar Gold Fields Volunteers attended the service in force. A large temporary enclosure outside the Church was constructed to accommodate the very large congregation that attended. All the Mills, Winding engines and other noisy places, such as black-smiths' shops etc ceased to work for quarter of an hour from 5 to 5-15 P.M. - the hour of the funeral. Notices had been posted in all the Mines asking people to refrain from partaking in any kind of sports or games.

7. Mulbagal and Srinivaspur Taluks - head quarter Towns as also the moffussil places - observed the day in a similar manner, by suspending all business, closing all the offices, courts, schools, and all other institutions, and by holding special services in the temples, mosques, churches etc; and the poor and the old were fed by the respective communities.

8. In Chintamani Taluk, the day was observed as one of the profoundest gloom not only in the head quarter town, but also in the smaller villages in the interior, the people of each village assembling in the principal places of worship and offering their prayers for the soul of the departed. As elsewhere, all business had been suspended, and the special services conducted in all the religious institutions.

9. Sidlaghatta, Chikballapur, Goribidnur, and Bagepalli Taluks and the Gudibanda Sub Taluk observed the day in a similar manner. Some of the leading citizens distributed doles to the poor, besides.

Sd/ K. Ramaiyer

Deputy Commissioner,

Kolar District.

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From

M. Narayana Rao Esqre
Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga Distt

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esq
Offg. Secretary to the Govt of
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Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District

Dated (Camp) Mysore 27th June 1910.

From.

M. Narain Rao Esquire
Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District.

To.

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esquire
Offg. Secretary to the Govt of Mysore
Genral and Revenue Depts.

Sir.

With reference to your D. O. letter No. G. 1686-93-G. M. 273-09-27 of the 6th instant calling for a report on the celebration of His Majesty the late King-Emperor's funeral day in this District, I have the honour to state that as directed in Govt. Notification No. G. 5963 of 16th May 1910, the 20th idem was observed as a General holiday throughout the District, all public offices, Courts, Schools and other public institutions having been closed on

traders also closed their shops, and the general public suspended their business for the day taking part in the general mourning.

An allotment of Rs 5/- to each Taluk and of Rs 3/- to the Kumsi Sub Taluk was made for the performance of special worship and the offering of prayers in all the Muzrai institutions, temples and mosques within the District. From the reports received from the Taluk Amildars, it is ascertained that the instructions conveyed in this respect in Govt Pro. No. 2760 M. F. 659-09-2 D/ 17th May 1910 were duly carried out in all the Muzrai institutions with the cooperation of the public and that similar special services were performed also in non-Muzrai institutions and that special prayers were offered therein for the salvation of the soul of His Majesty.

I have the honour to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant

D. O. No. 1

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Chitaldrug
4th July 1910

Govt. No. 273 09-10
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Dear Sir,

With reference to your D. O. letter No. G 6686-93/Genl: 273-09-27 dated 6th June 1910 requesting me to furnish Government with a brief record of what was done in the matter of observance of the late King Emperor's funeral day at the several places in this District, I beg to inform you that the orders of Government conveyed in the Gazette Extra-ordinary of the 16th May 1910 were duly promulgated by distributing the spare copies of the Notification No. 5963 dated 16th May 1910 and also by means of separate orders issued from this office with suitable instructions to the Amildars to observe the 20th May 1910 as a day of funeral mourning throughout the District.

In pursuance of the above mentioned orders and instructions, all offices, Courts, Schools and other public institutions in the District were closed, and all Subjects who were invited to Suspend business as far as possible on that date readily did so by closing shops and other centres of business and by putting off Social functions, and thus joined in the general mourning.

In all Muzrai institutions of the District Special Services were performed and prayers offered on that day for the Salvation of the Soul of the late King Emperor in accordance with instructions Conveyed in Notification No 2760/Muz F. 6.59-09-2 dated 17th May 1910.

The Solemn observances that were carried out at the Several places in the District are Summarised below:-

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In addition to the closing of the offices, Courts Schools and other public institutions at Chitaldrug, almost all the Shops were closed in the town as a token of General mourning. Special prayers were arranged and offered in all muzrai institutions both in the town and moffusil places, and the Amildar Superintended the functions at Chitaldrug.

Davangere Taluk

The day of General mourning was duly given wide publicity throughout the Taluk. Special prayers were offered in all Muzrai and private temples and mosques. The merchants of Davangere town, which is the centre of great trade, actively closed all their Shops from morning till evening of the 20th May 1910 as a mark of loyalty and Veneration.

Hanihar Sub-Taluk

Special prayers were offered in Harihareswara temple and mosques as also in other muzrai temples. Shops were also closed in Hanihar town by the merchants.

Holalkere Taluk

Special prayers were reported to have been offered in all muzrai institutions in this Taluk for the Salvation of the Soul of the late King Emperor.

Hosadurg Taluk

Wide publicity was given to the funeral day of the late King Emperor by beat of tom-tom in Kasba Hosadurg, in Hobli Head Quarters and important villages, and the people readily suspended all important business. Special prayers were offered in 7 muzrai temples which was superintended by Dharmadarsis who

Contributed for the expenses of Special prayers. The poor were fed and were given Small money doles.

Jagalur Taluk

In Jagalur town and villages, Shops were closed and Special prayers Offered in all temples and mosques.

Hiriyur Taluk

Special prayers were Offered in all Amrazai and other temples.

Challakere Taluk:

In kasba Challakere, prayers were offered in Sri Narayana Swami temple and Anjaneyaswami temple, as also in the mosques. In Naikanhatti and Tallak Hoblis, Sheikdars and Shanbhogues Superintended the work.

Molakalmuru Taluk

In Venkataramanaswami temple

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at Molakalmuru. Special prayers were conducted, as also in the Moffusils Merchants closed the Shops and weavers Stopped their work at Molakalmuru.

From the above Summary, it will be seen that all possible steps were adopted to mark the 20th May 1910 as a day of General Mourning on account of the funeral of the late King Emperor.

Yours very Sincerely

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
General & Revenue Depts
Bangalore.

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Hassan.
Dated 9th July 1910.

My dear sir,

With reference to your D.O.letter No.6686-93/Gm.273-09-27 dated 6th.ultimo, requesting me to furnish a brief record of what was done in the matter of observing the late King's funeral day (20th.May 1910) with solumn observances in this District, I beg to state that the Amildars and the Deputy Amildar of this District reported that on this mournful day all the public Offices and Schools were closed, all business was suspended for the day by the closing of shops at District Head Quarters and at the several Taluk Head Quarters.

2. In pursuance of Government Notification No. 2760/M.F.659-09-2 dated 17th.May 1910, special services were performed and special prayers were offered throughout the Dis--trict, in all the Muzrai as well as private religious institu--tions, such as temples, Mosques, Churches etc. for the salvation of the soul of the late King Edward the VII Emperor of India.

3. At Hassan, special services in Kanarese were held at the Wesleyan Church during the day, and in the evening, there was a special Funeral Service in English, to which the general public were invited to attend, and many non-Christian people were present, and were much impressed with the Memorial

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Memorial Sermon preached on the occasion by the Reverend H. Spencer.

4. It is reported that at Arsikere some private gentlemen undertook the feeding of the poor on that day, in memory of their late beloved British Sovereign.

5. In conclusion, it may be stated that through--out the District the day was observed as one of solemn obser--ances indicating that loyalty coupled with deep sorrow was keenly felt for the untimely loss of the beloved King Emperor Edward VII.

Yours Sincerely,

H. W. Welland

To,

C.S.Balasundram Iyer Esq.B.A.
Offg.Secretary to Government,
Genl.and Rev.Departments,
Bangalore.

D.O. No. 1102/En 1

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G.En 273-8-53.

Mysore
23rd July 10

To,

The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

My Dear Sir,

With reference to the First Assistant Resident's D.O. letter No.3247 dated the 30th May 1910 asking for a brief record of what was done in the matter of celebrating, with solemn observances, the late King's Funeral in this State, I ~~beg to~~ forward herewith for your information a memorandum on the subject.

Yours Sincerely,

Dewan of Mysore.

23/July/10

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CELEBRATION OF THE LATE KING Emperor'S FUNERAL IN MYSORE.

1. OBSERVANCE OF MOURNING.

Friday, the 20th of May 1910, the day of the Funeral of the late King Emperor, was observed as a day of general mourning throughout the ~~province.~~ State All public offices, courts, schools, and other public institutions were closed. All ~~The~~ merchants, ~~one and all~~, closed their shops and all kinds of public business and and entertainments were suspended for the day, the people spontaneously observing the day as one of general ~~and deep~~ deep mourning.

2. Ceremonies in Religious Institutions.

Special services were ~~performed~~ conducted and special prayers offered throughout the ~~Pro-~~ State ~~vince~~ in all the Muzrai as well as private religious institutions, such as temples, churches, mosques etc., for the salvation of the late King Emperor. The people assembled in their respective places of worship, ~~immersed in the sense of the deep calamity that had befallen~~

~~Empire~~, and offered prayers, each according to the custom of ~~its~~ their class. It is noteworthy that in several of the smaller villages also the people assembled in their respective places of worship and offered prayers, ~~for the soul of the departed.~~

3. FEEDING THE POOR ETC.,

In the City Mysore small money doles were distributed to about 2000 poor persons of all classes. In Bangalore, a sum of Rs.100/- was distributed among 600 poor people at various places. In some Taluks in Kolar, the poor and the old were fed by leading members of the different communities, while in some other place money doles were distributed to the poor. The local Theosophical Society at Bowringpet fed a large number of persons and distributed alms to a hundred poor. Similarly, in several places in the Hassan and Chitaldrug Districts large numbers of the poor were fed and doles of money were also distributed to them.

4. SPECIAL FEATURES.

At Hassan special services in Kanarese

Kanarese were held at the Wesleyan Church during the day and in the evening, there was a special Funeral Service in English which was attended by the Christian as well as a large portion of the non-christian general public. In Bowringpet Taluk, there was a parade of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Volunteers. In Kolar Gold Fields a large congregation --- attended the Mass said at the Roman Catholic Church at Champion Reefs. There was another solemn memorial service held at the English Church of St. Michael and All Angels. The Kolar Gold Fields Volunteers attended in force. The very large congregation which gathered was accommodated in a temporary enclosure. In Kadur, an impressive service was conducted by the Wesleyan Mission, at which several private gentlemen and officers were present with the European Coffee Planters and the Volunteer Corps in their uniform.

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS.

In Tumkur a meeting was convened in the Government Anglo-Vernacular School --- building

building by the Dharmabodhini Sabha, which was well attended and a telegram of condolence was despatched. The Tumkur Municipal Council in their meeting held on the 12th May 1910 recorded a resolution expressing their sorrow at the demise of His Late Majesty.

In Mysore there was a meeting of the citizens in the Ranga Charlu Memorial Hall, at which all the officers of the Station, lawyers, schoolmasters and other leading citizens were present. A telegram of condolence to the Royal Family was adopted.

In Bangalore, the City Municipal Council recorded a resolution of condolence expressing their heart felt sorrow at the demise of the late King-Emperor. The Citizens of Bangalore met in Doddanna's Hall and expressed in a resolution their sense of deep sorrow at the sad event that had befallen the Empire. Besides these, meetings for a similar purpose were held in many of the smaller centres and telegrams expressive of deep and genuine sorrow, and sincere sympathy with the Royal

On the occasion of the special service conducted in the Sri Rama devar temple at Chamrajpet, Bangalore, His Holiness the Swamy of the Sonapura Mutt was present and delivered a learned discourse on the suitable occasion & offered up prayers for the repose of the soul of the departed King-Emperor

Royal Family of England were adopted and communicated to the proper official quarters.

Secretary.

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